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## Habits, Beliefs, and Tacit knowledge in Qingkou village in China's Rural Development

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## **Villagers' understanding of the built environment in the village**

1. Villagers' perception of the village layout based on the different clan groups
2. Different needs of the village as a whole unit compared to those of the individual family
3. Appearance of buildings and living environment using either traditional or new materials

## **Academic study of the village**

1. Brief and aim for the development project
2. Design and construction process
3. Assessment during the middle stages of development and evaluation at the end



Qingkou village and surrounding environment



Qingkou village after development project implemented





Qingkou Village in 2013

## Competition between two aims:

1. The academic design/research of the development project focused on preserving the Qingkou's ritualised physical environment within its traditional and cultural context.
2. Villagers' intentions to have an improved quality of life as part of the movement to achieve the "modernization" in China, but also at the same time, to maintain the social relationship within the village and the harmonious relationship with the surrounding natural environment.

## Conclusion:

We argue that the appearance of the built environment using either traditional or new materials did not imply a change in the villagers' belief in the benefits of a harmonious relationship with the environment.